REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	19 August 2003
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Manukau
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Kurumi Morishita
Other Known Title(s):	Optical disk entitled "TOHJIRO" disk reference number OA-52
Director(s):	Ganari Takahashi
Producer(s):	Sadaji Fukano
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	VCD
Country of Origin:	Japan
Language(s):	Japanese

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Kurumi Morishita	Running Time:	67.34
Trailers:	Nil	Running Time:	
		Total Running Time:	67.34

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The VCD entitled *Kurumi Morishita* is classified as objectionable. This classification is because the publication tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The publication is a collection of scenes depicting sexual activity. The dialogue is in Japanese. Most of the scenes take place in a classroom and involve a young-looking female wearing a school uniform engaging in sexual activity with male teachers. The teachers frequently appear to issue instructions to the female. These scenes have the effect of presenting a young person as a viable and acceptable sexual partner. They also depict the female as being willing to undertake a range of demeaning and degrading conduct for the benefit of older males, in a particularly exploitative manner.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of publications that tend to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

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